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HAWAII.

Report from Honolulu—Examination of rats for plague infection.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Currie reports through Chief Quarantine Officer Cofer that, during the week ended May 18, 449 rats were examined bacteriologically at the plague laboratory of the Service at Honolulu. No plague infection found.

Traps set each night, 468; ounces of poison placed, 77.

Rats identified:

Mus decumanus.....	63
Mus rattus.....	143
Mus alexandrus.....	14
Mus musculus.....	91

HONDURAS.

Reports from Ceiba, fruit port—Sanitary work.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Jumel reports as follows:

Week ended May 26. Present officially estimated population, 6,500. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week good. Road construction and surface drainage are important active factors in present scheme for local sanitary improvement. Several miles have already been completed. Weather very hot and dry.

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
May 20	Viator.....	17	0	0	0
22	Rosina.....	34	6	0	0
24	Marietta Di Giorgio.....	18	0	0	0
24	Harald.....	19	0	0	0

Sanitary conditions at Coxenhole, island of Roatan.

Doctor Jumel further reports, May 26:

May 21 I made an investigation of the prevailing health and sanitary conditions of Coxenhole, port of entry, island of Roatan, a brief report of which is as follows:

Coxenhole, port of entry, situated in the southwestern extremity of the island of Roatan and about 32 miles to the north-northeastward from Ceiba, is a small town with an estimated population of about 1,000 inhabitants, most of whom are settlers from Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, and British Honduras, with the exception of several white people and about 100 native Honduraneans. The town is scatteringly built along the beach of an open bay and is swept daily by strong trade winds, which exercise a destructive effect upon innumerable mosquitoes.

The port is a large distributing point for cocoanuts and other produce of the island, and on that account not a few fruit vessels call at the port for this class of cargo. The sanitary conditions, in a general way, are good. The streets are kept fairly well cleaned and are roughly equipped with surface drains. The dwelling houses are mostly

light wooden structures, well ventilated and raised several feet from the ground. Natural springs in the immediate neighborhood afford an abundant supply of good drinking water. This is an advantage at all times and particularly so in the dry season, which is an annual occurrence and is always protracted. For washing and purposes other than drinking, surface wells exist in all parts of the town, in some of which numerous *Culex* and *Anopheles* larvæ were observed. The health conditions are fairly good. The port is a common anchorage for many sailing vessels plying between Central America, Mexico, and the West Indies, and therefore is open to infection at all times. Malarial fevers are quite common and are mostly observed among the natives.

Report from Puerto Cortez, fruit port—Few Stegomyia calopus present.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ames reports: Week ended May 23. Present officially estimated population, about 2,400. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country, very good. Few *Stegomyia calopus* found.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
May 19	Alabama	Mobile	18	0	0
19	Mobila	New Orleans	50	5	0
20	Utstein	do.	15	0	0
22	John Wilson	do.	17	1	0

Temperature taken of all persons on above-named vessels on day of sailing.

Report from Tela, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Roe reports as follows:

Week ended May 23. Present officially estimated population, about 1,250. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
May 21	Rosina	New Orleans	34	0	0
23	Harald	Mobile	18	0	0

INDIA.

Reports from Calcutta—Transactions of Service—Cholera, plague, and smallpox—Plague in India and Bengal.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Allan reports, April 22:

During the week ended May 9, a bill of health was issued to the steamship *Lindenfels*, bound for Boston and New York with a total crew of 72. The usual precautions were taken—the holds fumigated, rat guards placed on the wharf lines, and the Asiatics' effects disinfected.